

What is Wanted.
The weak point in the present Administration consists in their not having had the moral courage to grapple with the question of retrenchment in the public expenditures of the Province. For the past decade this has been the question, paramount above all others, and it is because the Government failed to take advantage of the opportunity of remedying the evil when the power was placed in their hands to do so, that they stand today shorn of their strength, and like captives at the bar of justice, await with fear and trembling the sentence of the Judge which is to consign them to the shades of non-official privacy. No body of men ever had a better chance of winning political fame and laying a solid foundation for the future as administrators of public affairs than was accorded the McGowan Administration, had they possessed the wisdom and prudence to take advantage of it and use it to their own benefit as well as to that of the people at large. Instead of adopting a bold, statesmanlike policy, and dealing with this subject with an earnest determination to carry on the Government of the country in a spirit of rigid economy, having, of course, a due regard to efficiency in the conduct of public affairs, the Government seemed to rely more upon the influence which officials of their own creation would exert throughout the country in their favor, than upon the general influence which an economical administration would have had upon the major portion of the community. Herein they have committed a fatal blunder. Let their successors, whoever they may be, be careful not to be guilty of a like mistake. No government that may be formed can hope to command the confidence of the country or the support of the Legislature for any length of time, that will not undertake and carry through a thorough system of retrenchment in the management of public affairs. That the subject is a delicate one to handle, we are free to admit. To dismiss men from office against whom there is no cause of complaint, may seem hard, if not arbitrary, and those upon whom devolves the disagreeable duty may regret that circumstances should so order it; but those who take a purely business view of the subject, see no more hardship in dispensing with the services of a government official when those services are not really required, than in the case of a merchant, who has more clerks than the nature of his business requires. To dismiss employ, looking to his own interest, may seem hard, if not arbitrary, and those upon whom devolves the disagreeable duty may regret that circumstances should so order it; but those who take a purely business view of the subject, see no more hardship in dispensing with the services of a government official when those services are not really required, than in the case of a merchant, who has more clerks than the nature of his business requires. To dismiss employ, looking to his own interest, may seem hard, if not arbitrary, and those upon whom devolves the disagreeable duty may regret that circumstances should so order it; but those who take a purely business view of the subject, see no more hardship in dispensing with the services of a government official when those services are not really required, than in the case of a merchant, who has more clerks than the nature of his business requires.

New Advertisements.
Victoria School Examination.
THE ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS of the Victoria Public Schools will be held on Monday, December 24th, at 10 o'clock, A.M., at the Victoria School House. The examination will be held in the morning, and the results will be published in the evening. The examination will be held in the morning, and the results will be published in the evening. The examination will be held in the morning, and the results will be published in the evening.

GREAT REDUCTION IN Sewing Machines
Singer's Family from \$40 to \$55.
AT
W. DALBY & CO'S
1200 11th Street, Victoria.
THE FINEST
POULTRY
OF ALL KINDS AT
W. B. Townsend's
FOOT STREET,
Christmas Turkeys, Geese, Fowls, Sucking Pigs and Game.
FRESH AND DRIED FRUITS
Nuts, New Growth,
FRESH EGGS.
A Nimble Ninepence is Better than a Slow Shilling.

W. B. ANDERSON
This is the motto of WILLIAM ANDERSON, who now opens at his Store in Government Street, (opposite the Hotel) the following assortment of goods, at the lowest prices for cash: New Imports of LADIES' & CHILDREN'S BOOTS, 50 per cent. HEAVY BOOTS suitable for women's country use, GARRET SLIPPERS, WATERPROOF BUCKING, BUCKSKIN BRECKERS & LEGGINGS, LEATHER LEGGINGS of all sizes, MEN'S HEAVY WINTER UNDERCLOTHING, HOSIERY, &c., DRESS GOODS for Ladies and Children, NEW SOFT BOOKS, RECREATING NOVELS, Biographical, Historical and other Works, A large variety of CROCKERY, GLASS, WARE, CUT GLASS DECORATIONS, &c., WALL PAPER, STOVE PIPING, IRON BOILERS, &c.,
Articles for XMAS PRESENTS,
Consisting of Jewellery, Fancy Goods, Shell Curiosities, &c. And also
The usual large assortment of Second-hand Clothing and Miscellaneous Articles on sale at the
VARIETY STORE,
WM. ANDERSON,
Government Street.

SALE OF VALUABLE PICTURES.
SUITABLE FOR
XMAS PRESENTS.
PLUMMER & PAGDEN
Are instructed by
W. & J. WILSON,
To Sell on
Thursday, December 19,
Salesroom, Wharf Street,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
250 Valuable Engraving and Oil Paintings.
Received ex
Naworth & Princess Royal
FROM ENGLAND.
Consisting of large Steel Plate Engravings, Oil Paintings on Copper and Canvas, Chromo Lithographs, &c., &c.
All the subjects are of the most recent date and beautifully framed in heavy Gilt and Maple.
ALSO—Previous to Sale,
1 Fine Brood Mare 6 years old.
Pictures on View THIS DAY at 2 O'CLOCK.
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Real Estate and General Agents.
Accountants, and Average Adjusters.
Loans Negotiated, Settlements Effected, Advances on Accounts, and all other business connected with the above.
RENTS & DEBTS COLLECTED
Government Street, Victoria, 20th November, 1872.
Notice.
ALL PERSONS having claims against the estate of A. W. PETER, who is deceased, are requested to call on J. RUFF, CHAS. MILLARD, Auctioneer, at his residence on Vancouver Street, near the Angus College, on or before the 24th inst., for the purpose of settling the same.

JAMES MOORE & CO.
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS
Physicians' Prescriptions, Carefully Dispensed.
Patent Medicines, Perfumery and a general assortment of Drugs and Chemicals always on hand.
OAKLANDS HOTEL
A RAFFLE
Will take place on MONDAY, Dec. 23rd, for
GEESSE AND TURKEYS,
and will close with a
BALL
at 8 o'clock.
DANCING CLASS.
PROFESSOR C. SCHAFER
WILL OPEN HIS DANCING CLASS next Saturday Evening, at the
OLD SING VERNUM HALL,
On Government Street, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp, and will continue the same every
WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY EVENING
until further notice.
N. B.—Full Dress Band will be in attendance.
J. C. TRACY.
AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION MERCHANT.
Consignment of Fruit, received by every steamer.
Salesroom St. Nicholas Building, Government Street.
Regular Sales every Wednesday and Saturday at 10 o'clock.
Commitments solicited. Prompt Returns and moderate charges guaranteed.
Sole City reference given.

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AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.
ELEGANT SEWING MACHINES
Just Received from Canada ex Idaho
DOLLS
In great variety. A large variety of
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NEARLY NEW
Fine Gold and Silver Watches
Including some of the finest Stem Winders and others ever imported here.
Albums, Ladies' Furs.
And a thousand other articles both useful and ornamental.
ALSO
Some Elegant Silk Dresses, Concertinas,
80 Boxes Superior Canadian Canned Fruit.
J. C. TRACY.
Auctioneer.

THE ANNUAL BALL
OF THE
Victoria Fire Department,
WILL BE HELD AT THE
ALHAMBRA HALL.
On New Year's Eve.
Tickets admitting Gentlemen and Ladies \$3 including Supper.
Tickets to be had of the following Committee:
W. LOHSE, Chief Engineer,
F. SAUNDERS, Assistant Engineer,
C. BARNES, Foreman Deluge No. 1,
J. HARRIS, 1st Assistant,
J. HART, Foreman Tiger No. 2,
J. STEVENSON, 2nd Assistant,
J. WRIGHT, Foreman U.S. & E. Co.,
J. BENTLEY, 1st Assistant,
F. CAMPBELL,
Residing at 222 o'clock.
Prompt attention to be given to the same.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL,
GOVERNMENT STREET,
VICTORIA, B.C.
H. A. V. HARRIS
A PRAGMATIC FARMER. Also a Good
JOHN SWITZER, Respectful Tenant.
PETER LESTER
Bought to the attention of the
PRESS APPLES
For the Manufacture of
Mr. Lester has the necessary apparatus and will execute orders on the most reasonable terms, for which apply either in person or by letter at his residence on Vancouver Street, near the Angus College, on or before the 24th inst.

TURNER, BEETON & CO.
XMAS NOVELTIES
NEW YEARS PRESENTS
A very beautiful assortment
Just Received from Europe.

CHRISTMAS STORE
Opposite the Hook and Ladder Engine House
GOVERNMENT STREET,
HANDSOME STOCK OF FANCY GOODS.
The Public are respectfully invited to inspect the present stock ere they purchase elsewhere.
Mrs. Johnston, late of English Bazaar, has been engaged to dispose of the above for the owners who wish to clear out late shipments.
The store will be open on Monday next, 16th Dec., 1872.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS CHEAPER THAN EVER
AT THE
LONDON BAZAAR,
GOVERNMENT Street corner FORT
IMMENSE VARIETY!
Unequalled on the Pacific Coast.
Amongst which will be found many Choice and Rare Articles
Just Received ex Naworth & Princess Royal.
W. JONES respectfully invites the public to call and inspect his Stock and note Prices which are greatly reduced owing to his having to visit Europe early in the New Year on important business, he has determined to reduce his immense stock which consists of
TOYS, all kinds FANCY GOODS including
ELECTRO PLATED WARE, GLASSWARE, WILLOW WARE, CUTLERY, STATIONERY, PERFUMERY (of quality) JEWELRY BOOKS, PICTURES, PAINTINGS, &c., and NOTIONS without end. A Large Assortment of
Whitby Jet and Vulcanite Brooches, Earrings, Chains, Necklets, Lockets and Bracelets.

THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.
Offer For Sale at
VICTORIA, V. I.,
In Bond or Duty Paid.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
DRY GOODS,
Clothing, Groceries,
WINES, SPIRITS, &c.
EX PRINCESS ROYAL and other recent arrivals from London and elsewhere.

DUTCH BULBS,
Direct from Holland,
AT THE SEEDSTORE, YATES STREET.
JAY & CO.,
Have just received by "PRINCE ALFRED" Steamer, a large assortment of
BEACHES, double and single for Glasses and Bedding-out
DOUBLE TULIPS, ANEMONES, RANUNCULI, CROCUSES, NARCISSUS, LILIES,
DOUBLE JONQUILLS, SNOWDROPS, IRIS, OXALIS, CROWN IMPERIALS, GLADIOLUS, &c., &c.
All the above are choice varieties in good order, and will be offered for sale at reasonable prices.

SAVE YOUR TIME & MONEY
BY VISITING
GORRIE'S BAZAAR
FORT STREET.
T. GORRIE
HAS JUST RECEIVED DIRECT FROM
TOYS & FANCY ARTICLES
Suitable for Xmas and New Year's Presents.
All of which are new and ready for inspection and sale, at prices far below previous prices. Call early.
A CHRISTMAS TREE in preparation for R.M.
On New Year's Eve. Some Splendid Extra Prizes.

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J. FINLAYSON,
GOVERNMENT STREET.
HAS RECEIVED A CHOICE SUPPLY
CHRISTMAS GOODS,
COMPRISING
Muscatel, Sultana and Elms Raisins, Zante Currants (superior quality), Candied Peel, Turkey Figs, French Plums, Crystallized Dessert Fruits, Orange, Lemon, Vanilla, Mastic, Yeau and Peach Jellies, Flavoring Extracts and Spices, Jordan Almonds, Bitter Almonds, Shell Almonds and Nuts of every description, Prime Eastern Cheese, Best brands of Tea and Sugar. As for MY COFFEE, it speaks for itself. Everybody asks for it.
J. FINLAYSON.

NEW BOOT & SHOESHOP.
THE UNDERSIGNED respectfully informs his old customers that he has started a
Custom-made Boot & Shoe Shop
in the premises recently occupied by Mr. Watson, Jeweller, near the corner of
GOVERNMENT & YATES STREETS
where he will furnish his customers with all kinds of
BOOTS AND SHOES
at prices to suit the times. All Work Warranted to be of best quality. A Good Fit or no fee.
REPAIRING DONE.
FRANK BEEGAN.


New Cigar Stand.
THOMAS MCGILSHAN
BEGET TO INFORM THE PUBLIC
that he has moved his stand, adjoining the "Grocer," on Government Street, and that he is prepared to supply the best brands of Cigars, first rate quality of Tobacco, Pipes and other Smoking Articles at moderate prices.
A trial is respectfully solicited.
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French Benevolent Society.
D. R. POWELL, having resigned as physician of the French Benevolent Society, members are informed that Dr. Powell has been elected as physician, and will be found at his residence, Fort Street, 60 to 70, and from 7 to 9 P.M. at the French Benevolent Society, by order of the Committee.
Municipal Notice.
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FINEST FAMILY GROCERIES
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Finest Description of Preserved Fruits. Cream Tartar, Saleratus and Baking Soda, Cracked (Circle A) Sugar, The choicest Japan, Young Hyson, Gunpow and other TEAS.
BEST JAVA COFFEE
Acknowledged superior to any other sold in this city.
CLEAR LAKE, EASTERN & HOME MADE CHEESE.
My stock is unequaled north of San Francisco. My Prices are very Low, and I invite the Public to inspect the goods before purchasing elsewhere.
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DANCING ACADEMY
STORE STREET adjoining the State Hotel.
Will be open every Monday and Thursday Evenings.

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WONDERFUL CURE OF ASTHMA OF 18 YEARS
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To Professor Holloway.

Sir,—I suffered from asthma for 18 years, accompanied with great difficulty of breathing, and severe cough with spitting of blood. I was also afflicted with Piles. At different times I was treated by most skilful physicians, and was at length pronounced by them to be beyond cure;—as a last resource, I was induced to try your Pills.

short space of a fortnight could walk about, and am now perfectly cured, to the astonishment of all who knew me.

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Copy of a letter from Mrs. Mary Foster, Half Moon Street, Tolness, dated March 16th 1861.

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Sir,—For many years I suffered periodically headache, and giddiness in the head, to such a degree that at times I have

The best medical advice without effect, tried your Pills and in less than a week was completely cured. Mrs. Donna Chemist, of Totness, can vouch for the truth of the above statement.

COMPLAINTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
The very mild and painless action of these invaluable Pills recommends them to every household as a remedy for the early departure from health. Any mother, nurse, or young person guided by the direction which accompanies each box of Holloway's Pills, has at once available means for checking disease, qualifying the blood, and expelling from the system all gross humors. They are, indeed, at

Loss of appetite and flatulency are usually the forerunners of stomachic disease. These famous Pills exercise the most salutary power in all affections of the liver, and irregularities of the stomach and bowels; they restore a healthy function to every internal organ, overcome all obstructions, and cast out all impurities.

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The immediate loss of muscular strength and nervous energy is more particularly remarkable in a man than in most other diseases. Their deficient secretion of uric acid suffices to produce fever, hence the necessity for prompt and efficient treatment. Holloway's Pills have the merit of restoring, any suspended or diminished secretion, and of relieving inflammation or congestion in the superficial kidneys, or other subsidiary organs.

The tight, suffocating, anxious-feeling caused by derangement of the heart makes the sufferer look on present distress as imminent. Holloway's Pills produce effect at once and render the patient

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These famous Pills will immediately remove all symptoms of debility, languor and weakness as they act upon the small organs of life, and thus save thousands

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Ague	Inflammation
Asthma	Jaundice
Bilious Complaints	Liver Complaints
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Colics	Pneumonia
Constipation of the Bowels	Retention of Urine
Consumption	Scurvy, or King's Evil
Debility	Sore Throat
Dropsy	Stomach and Liver

Crysipelas	Secondary Symp-
Female Irregularities	Ty-Diabetes
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formerly of name Augustus ERNEST SIFFKEN de Lima,
I declare that in defiance to the will of the
Wiederhold, General of Brigade in the Portuguese Army,
commander in Chief of Brigade in the Portuguese Army,
Portugal, who died at Lisbon in June 1900,
I, the undersigned, in memory of the late Augustus ERNEST SIFFKEN de Lima,
formerly of name Augustus ERNEST SIFFKEN de Lima,
I have ASSUMED the name of DE WIEDERHOLD and intend to use the name of SIFFKEN de WIEDERHOLD in the future.

A. R. SIFFKEN de WIEDERHOLD

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